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# GERMANS LOSE A TRENCH TO FRENCH

Which Previously Had Been the Scene of Many Bitter Contests

AT OTHER POINTS EACH SIDE CLAIMS SUCCESS

No Verification of Big German Victory in Poland Which Berlin is Said to Have Celebrated Last Week—German Report Merely Says Russians are Preparing Strong Positions Near Rawa and Nida, and That They are Attacking Them Everywhere—Russians Declare Two German Companies Have Been Annihilated on the Bzura and That Fierce Encounters Have Taken Place to the West of Warsaw—Austria Reports the Appearance of Strong Russian Forces in Galicia—From Athens Comes Word That the Interior Forts of the Dardanelles Have Been Bombarded—Emperor William Has Returned to the Front.

Standing out prominently from among the claims and counter-claims of the allies and Germans of success won or attacks repelled on the battle line in Flanders and France, is the German admission of the French capture of a trench some 10 feet in length to the southeast of Bethune.

**French Held Contested Trench.**—This trench previously had been the scene of bitter contests, the French having captured it December 17 and lost it the following day and the Germans having held it since.

**Fighting in Western Area.**—As to the fighting elsewhere along the western front, each contending side records in its official statements advances by its forces or attacks of the enemy repelled. None of the advances, however, is recorded as being so great as to seem evident that though the fighting at some points has been vicious and that heavy losses have resulted, the position of either side materially continues.

**Russians Preparing Strong Positions.**—From no point has there come a statement that would give verity to the immediate claims made last week to a great victory by the Germans in Poland. "In Poland the Russians are preparing strong positions near Rawa and Nida. We are attacking them everywhere," says the last German report of the situation in the east.

**News from Petrograd.**—Petrograd says nothing of the fighting on the right bank of the Vistula but declares that a number of fierce encounters have taken place on the front of the Bzura and Rawa rivers southeast from Warsaw.

On the Bzura two German companies are declared to have been annihilated. Petrograd reports that the Russians repulsed another attempted sortie from Przemysl and to have captured a large number of Austrians.

Austria reports the appearance of strong Russian forces in Galicia, but declares that in the Carpathians, attacks by the Russians have been repulsed; that the Austrian troops have advanced to Tuscov, south of Tarnow and that a great battle is developing south of Lupkow Pass.

**German Emperor Has Recovered.**—The German emperor, having recovered from his recent illness, according to an announcement from headquarters at Berlin, has returned to the front. The fact that the emperor has regained his health has induced in a previous dispatch which said he had visited the hospital at Potsdam.

**Dardanelles Forts Bombarded.**—From Athens it is reported that the allied fleet has bombarded the interior forts of the Dardanelles, but no details of the bombardment are given. Prince Von Buelow, the new German ambassador to Italy, has been received with great cordiality at Rome by King Victor Emmanuel.

**TROOPS FROM THE TROPICS SUFFER FROM INTENSE COLD**

In the Belgian Trenches—Feet and Tons Frozen—Amputation Necessary.

London, Dec. 20, 8:30 p. m.—Troops from the tropics are suffering intensely from the cold in their positions in the Belgian trenches. This is especially true of the Senegalese. In many cases their hands or feet have been frozen so badly that amputation has been necessary. Mrs. Mary Floyd, chief commissionaire of the French hospital at Havre, reports that the Senegalese are badly in need of anesthetics, tetanus serum, surgical implements and supplies.

**BATTLE BETWEEN FORCES OF CARRANZA AND VILLA**

Is Impending at San Pedro, East of Torreon.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 20.—A battle between large forces of Carranza and Villa troops was reported today as impending at San Pedro, east of Torreon, where preliminary fighting was reported last week.

A telegram from Porto Rico said that 1000 men under General Maclovia Herrera, Carranza governor of Chihuahua state, were being rushed to San Pedro.

**British Legion to Help Russians.**—A telegram from London, 5:54 p. m., says that the British Legion is being organized to help the Russians.

## Cabled Paragraphs

Fire Destroys Historic Scotch Castle, Glasgow, via London, Dec. 21, 4:23 a. m.—Herbertshire castle, historic feudal building at Denny seven miles from Stirling, owned by G. W. Forbes, was destroyed by fire Sunday. Three young women guests were lost. Many valuable paintings were burned.

British Steamer Strikes Mine North Coast of Ireland. Dec. 20, 8:15 a. m.—The British steamer Tritonia, which was on an announcement made today by the admiralty. The crew of the steamer was saved. The Tritonia, which was of 2,780 tons, was bound from Partington for St. John, N. I.

Further Details of Battle Off Falkland Islands. While Germans Were Firing at Long Range British Seamen Were Breaking.

Monterideo, Dec. 20.—Several interesting details of the recent naval battle of the Falkland Islands in which a British squadron under the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig and Nürnberg, became known here today when Admiral Sturdee, the British commander, and his staff came ashore to attend a reception given by the Belgian and French ministers. The naval officers were warmly received.

When the battle began and while the Germans were firing at long range, it was said that the British ships reserved their fire and permitted their men to have breakfast before answering the attack. When the Britishers did come into action, however, little signaling was done, as each vessel's commander already knew what his position was.

When the Gneisenau sank she was without ammunition, but had refused to surrender. Her officers and men stood on the deck singing patriotic songs as she took her plunge beneath the waves. A large number of her crew were rescued, but the rest were taken from the ship or shot sustained by submergence.

The Scharnhorst was ablaze when she sank with all hands, including Admiral Sturdee. The British ships, however, were not damaged. The British ships, however, were not damaged. The British ships, however, were not damaged.

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## Police Suppress Riots in Italy Villa Forces Give Up Attack on Naco

Have Been Withdrawn 12 Miles From Border.

Meeting Held in Check AS GEN. BLISS DEMANDED

To Eliminate the Possibility of Further Firing Into American Territory

Guerrillas Ordered Withdrawal.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Consular Agent Carranza telegraphed the state department today that Governor Maytorena, commanding the Villa forces besieging Hill's garrison at Naco, Sonora, was twelve miles from the border to eliminate the possibility of further firing into American territory.

This move has been awaited by officials here since Provisional President Carranza announced that he had directed Maytorena to abandon the attack on Naco, unless the operations could be carried on without sending bullets across the international line.

Brigadier General Bliss in command of the artillery, infantry and cavalry concentrated about Naco, Ariz., to enforce the American government's demand that the Villa forces cease firing across the line.

Maytorena apparently had withdrawn. This has not been verified, but it was confidently hoped here tonight that a final clearing up of this troublesome situation was in sight.

General Bliss yesterday with Maytorena and his understood to have been given a complete outline of the Villa leader's plans.

Brigadier General Scott HAS ARRIVED AT NACO

Is Investigating the Killing of Five Persons and Wounding of 47.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 20.—Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, arrived here today and began an investigation of the killing of five persons and the wounding of 47 by Mexican bullets during the line during the ten weeks siege of Naco, Sonora.

General Scott expects soon to meet Carranza at his headquarters at El Paso, where he is now en route to Naco, Sonora, and Governor Maytorena, the Villa besieger.

An army of 4,700 United States troops under command of Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss is now encamped at the international line at Naco. The last of the reinforcements from Fort Hill and Texas City arrived today. The troops here are the 11th, 18th and 22nd infantry, ten troops each of the Ninth and Tenth cavalry and three batteries each of the Fifth and Sixth field artillery.

General Scott talked today with persons informed on Mexican affairs, including Carranza, the Mexican commander. He is recognized as a man of peace and is believed to be a fair and impartial investigator.

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## Condensed Telegrams

The Russian Government placed a large order for marine engines in Detroit.

Giuseppe Motta, Federal Councillor, was elected President of the Swiss Parliament.

Ten business houses at Dana, Ill., were destroyed by fire, at an estimated loss of \$100,000.

John Allen of Hackensack, N. J., was beaten and robbed of a watch and \$150 in his stable there.

Fifteen persons were overcome by coal gas in St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic church at Fall River.

There are 250 teachers and students of the Aberdeen (Scotland) University serving in the British army.

The residence of Charles A. Chase in South Swansea, Mass., was entered and jewelry valued at \$100 taken.

John Baldwin, teller of the Liberty National Bank at Pittsburgh, was arrested, charged with embezzlement.

Governor-elect Whitman has announced that he would lend his moral support to the world peace movement.

The British steamer Kelvindale, Montevideo for New York, is ashore on the island of Torola, Danish West Indies.

Nathan Dietrich, of Geneva, L. I., is recovering from an operation in which nine feet of his intestines were removed.

Six houses were ruined and many buildings flooded at Long Beach, Cal., by the highest sea experienced there this year.

Omar Wheelock, a farmer aged 55 years, was killed at Calais, Me., by the fall of a tree while he was logging in the woods.

Rev. J. Frank Healey, pastor of the Methodist church in Saco, Me., died Saturday after a short illness with heart disease.

A sugar refinery of Halifax has taken out 2,000,000 pounds insurance against destruction of its property by bombardment.

A hearty reception was given to the American Christmas expedition which reached Berlin from the Christmas ship Jason.

The Aero Club of America announced that hereafter aviators holding certain certificates will be allowed to fly over cities.

An all night session of the Australian Federal House broke up in a riot when the Speaker rebuked a member for his insulting remarks.

Tobacco workers in Germany receive \$1.50 a week for unemployment, instead of the \$1.00 of families of those drafted for war.

Steps have been taken whereby the Post Office at Vermont, one of the last toll roads in the country, will become a free state highway.

A large buck walked through the open door of the Westbrook school, Port Jervis, N. Y., creating a panic. It was chased out by the teacher.

Rev. Matthew C. Julian, 47 years old, died Saturday at New Bedford, Mass., after a long illness.

Woolen mills at Burlington, Vt., will close for the winter, with the exception of a few running European power, will work Saturday half-holiday and Sunday.

Two persons were burned to death, and many were injured, when a fire broke out in a fire that destroyed a lodging house known as "The Loft" in Terre Haute.

A mob composed of 200 unemployed men raided a dairy lunch and a market in the city of London, England. Forty men arrested wrecked the city jail.

England is preparing to express its gratitude for the help to war sufferers extended by the United States by sending a message of thanks at Christmas time.

Maurice Baines, member of the French Chamber of Deputies, will introduce a bill for the creation of a national holiday to be called Jeanne d'Arc Day.

Twelve officers and employees of the 1913 Indiana Legislature were placed on trial in Indianapolis charged with receiving illegal claims for payment to the State.

John Henry, a vagrant, was arrested in the Capitol building in Washington and threatened to blow up the Capitol unless the capitalists stopped annoying him.

A heavy blanket of fog which covered Pittsburgh, froze and fell in fine flakes the first time in years that such an occurrence was noted by the weather bureau.

Maurice Howly, aged 10, was instantly killed and two companions seriously injured, when a sled they were coasting down a hill on collided with a wagon, at Scranton, Pa.

Konrad Berthold of Saugus, Mass., pleaded guilty in district court Saturday to a charge of attempting to dynamite the home of Ernest Longfellow, a neighbor, last Saturday.

An all night session of the Portland, Me., city government and 250 ballots for auditor up to 9 a. m. Saturday, failed to break the deadlock in the election of subordinate city officials.

Daniel French of New York was named Commissioner for the sculptor for the statue of Abraham Lincoln, to be placed in the Memorial Building, to be erected in Washington.

The statement of the actual condition of New York city for the week ending December 19, 1914, shows that they hold \$125,297.80 in reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$5,398,558 from last week.

The board of commissioners of Long Branch, N. J., have adopted a resolution inviting cooperation on the part of all Monmouth coast and Shrewsbury River municipalities in a general scheme for protection of the coast line from storms.

## CHURCHILL SCOTCH GERMAN NAVY

Says the "Stigma of Baby Killers of Scarborough Will Brand Officers While Sailors Sail the Seas"

DISAPPOINTED OVER ESCAPE OF GERMAN SHIPS

Declares That Teutonic Hatred of English Has Clouded Their Vision, Darkened Their Courses and Convulsed Their Movements, and Says it Was an Act of Military Folly to Risk Some of the Best Ships of the German Navy for the Passing Pleasure of Killing a Few English People, Irrespective of Sex, Age or Condition.

London, Dec. 20, 8:30 p. m.—Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, in a letter to the mayor of Scarborough, in which he expresses the sympathy of himself and of the navy at the losses sustained through the German bombardment of Scarborough, have been risked for the passing pleasure of killing a few English people as possible irrespective of sex, age or condition, in the limited time available.

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